

TENNESSEE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKER CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE

MINUTES

DATE: November 1, 2004

LOCATION: Cumberland Room
1st Floor, Cordell Hull Building
Nashville, TN

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Susan Vickerstaff, LCSW, Chair
Deborah Wolkhamer, CMSW
Beverly Esposito, LCSW
Drema Bowers-Mitchell, CMSW
Vickie Fleming, CMSW

STAFF PRESENT:

Barbara Maxwell, Administrative Director
Ernest Sykes, Advisory Attorney
Rick Agee, Unit Director
Shelaine Sadler, AARB1
Jerry Kosten, Rules Manager

The board meeting was called to order at 9:05 by Susan Vickerstaff, Chair. A sufficient number of board members were present to constitute a quorum.

Conflict of Interest Policy

Mr. Sykes discussed the conflict of interest policy with the board stating if a matter comes before the board requiring a vote each member is to disclose if he/she has an interest in that matter whether it's personal, financial or otherwise.

Contested case for Robert Reddig

Mr. Sykes stated he was informed this morning that the contested case hearing for Robert Reddig, LCSW, has been continued but he does not have the date of the continuance.

Review Minutes

Upon review of the September 8, 2004 minutes, Debra Wolkhamer made a motion, seconded by Beverly Esposito, to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried.

Public Chapter 575

Mr. Sykes stated Public Chapter 575 calls for each health related board to authorize an independent reviewer empowered to request medical records pursuant to a complaint, review the records, and make a recommendation to the board. Mr. Sykes said the need for an independent reviewer is due to HIPPA legislation and the reviewer should be a licensed social worker to review the records and determine whether the complaint is valid and to continue the investigation. Mr. Sykes said the reviewer is typically not a board member as they would have to recuse themselves when the complaint came before the board.

Ms. Wolkhamer said Ms. McFadden would be the best candidate for the independent reviewer and asked Mr. Sykes what training is required.

Mr. Sykes said by virtue of them being a consultant they already have the training and the statute states the designee shall be a member of the profession who has a license that is unencumbered by disciplinary action and who shall be designated by the board, council or committee regulating the health care provider whose records are requested.

Ms. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Ms. Esposito, to replace Ms. Vickerstaff as independent reviewer with Ms. McFadden. The motion carried.

OGC Report

Mr. Sykes said the case previously scheduled for today has been continued.

Mr. Sykes stated the amendments to Rules 1365-1-.04, .05, .06, .08, .19 regarding reciprocity and correcting errors became effective on November 18, 2003, and Rule 1365-1-.15 regarding order modification and appearance to determine compliance became effective on October 23, 2004.

Mr. Sykes said the amendment to Rule 1365-1-.21 regarding free health clinic and volunteer practice requirements will go to rulemaking December 3, 2004.

Disciplinary Guidelines

Mr. Sykes stated the disciplinary guidelines were tabled at the last meeting for the board members to review. Mr. Sykes said the guidelines have been adopted by all other health related boards and is an internal guideline for board members to determine the severity and scope of the infraction

Ms. Vickerstaff postponed the discussion until Ms. Bell is present.

Investigative Report

Mr. Agee reviewed the investigative report stating there are nine complaints in investigations, one for unprofessional conduct, one for malpractice/negligence, one for unlicensed practice and six for other, which could be advertising or continuing education violations.

Discipline Report

Ms. Phelps discussed the list of six practitioners who have been disciplined by the board and are currently being monitored for compliance.

Ms. Fleming asked if civil penalties were paid to the board. Mr. Sykes said civil penalties go to the general fund and any costs the board accesses goes to the board's fund to pay for the costs of the hearing.

Financial Report

Mr. Agee reviewed the financial report with the board stating the board has revenue of \$126,494. Mr. Agee said part of the revenue will go toward the new RBS system and the move to Metro Center.

Administrative Report

Mr. Agee said there are 1285 active CMSW's and 1744 active LCSW's. Mr. Agee stated 110 LCSW's and 75 CMSW's have renewed their licenses since September 8, 2004 and, out of those numbers, 13 LCSW's and 14 CMSW's have renewed online.

Mr. Agee said Ms. McFadden is working on the continuing education audit with the administrative staff and he hopes to have a report for the board by the February meeting.

Status Report

Upon review of the status report, Ms. Wolkhamer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Esposito, to ratify the following reinstatements:

LCSW

Kenyatta Abdoul-Shite
Charles J. Morris

CMSW

James S. Long
Gail Roberta Milner
Kimberly J. Ness

The motion carried.

Ratify Newly Licensed LCSW's and CMSW's

Ms. Esposito made a motion, seconded by Ms. Fleming, to ratify the following newly licensed LCSW's and CMSW's.

LCSW

**Theresa Lynn Blakley
Wanette Isenhour Bolen
Dawn Denise burns Casey
Amy Lizbeth Cates
Melissa Gent Cox
Lisa Frady Childs Crichton
Hope Cooke Evans
Kavitha Lakshmanan
Lil Bramlette Lewis
Vivian Lynn McFarland
Kimberly Jo Mullin
Sarah Wieck Ramming
Barbara E. Tunney**

CMSW

**Stephanie L. Allen
Holly K. Arnold
Diana L. Autry
Stephanie L. Bean
Jennifer D. Bearden
Maggie E. Bible
Toya Q. Brooks
Mark E. Brown
Joetta Brown-Higgins
Karen H. Buck
Gloria A. Bunch
Constance L. Bundrick
Theresa L. Carrington
Betsy L. Carroll
Jimmie L. Cathey, Jr.
Joshua M. Chestnut
Angela M. Chopp
Amy L. Coldren
Cheryl Louise Conat
Samantha A. Cook
Dorothy B. Daum
Angelique D. Davis
Pamela J. Davison
Susan E. Duke
Abigale M. Fath**

**Rachel Lara Fenton
Maia B. Ferguson
Allyson R. Foster
Karen L. Franklin
Kerry S. Fulmer
Murff O. Galbreath
Rachel M. Giese
Ann M. Goldwasser
Tamsyn A. Gramling
Marjahna V. Hart
Robbie L. Hayter
Amanda L. Henson
Elizabeth A. Hiland
Sally A. Howell
Robert B. Humphreys
Debra E. Jacks
Melissa L. Jackson
Robert H. Jordan
Michelle R. Kaufman
Kimberly A. B. Lander
Felicia H. Lobbins
Mark J. Lovell
Thomas-Andrews Lyman
Andrea K. McCarter
Katherine A. McClernon-Chaffin
Viola McCloud-Bevly
Petrina H. McGarvey
Michelle D. McGruder
J. Solomon Mitchell
Rebecca R. Monroy
Tammy L. Moore
Valeria A. Neal
Sylvia D. Neely-Bond
Sarah W. Neudeck
Laurel J. Newlon
Melissa K. Norvell
Alisa C. Oglesby
Mary E. Palmer
AudraA. Payne
Mary E. Pearson
Victoria A. Pennington
Janelle E. Porter
Deborah L. Price
Michael J. Radydko
Adam Randolph
April R. Rudder
Dyana Maria Shaffer
Stacy M. Slone**

**Rachel F. Southall
Chase B. Spiegel
Virginia A. Spini
Meridith Nealy Starling
Mayme H. Stephenson
Sonya G. Stokes
Sheldia A. Sunstrom
Julia S. G. Swink
Jacquelyn L. Taylor-Mays
Albert L. Thompkins
Lois J. D. Thompson
Ronnie E. Townsend
Vea L. Townsend
Dennis Vance, Jr.
Audrey Denise Veasey
Joyce M. Walker
Suzanne C. Warner
Annette M. Weary
Sarah P. Weddington
William A. Weidner
Brandy B. Whitehead
Amanda L. Whitehurst
Demetria A. Wilburn
Jennifer L. Williams
Jimmy L. Wilson
Sabrina B. Woods
Rebekah L. Yoder
Melissa A. Zensen**

The motion carried.

Review and approve LCSW applications by examination/reciprocity

Ms. Wolkhamer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Fleming to accept the following applications for licensure by examination/reciprocity:

Reciprocity

**Patricia Penhall
Judy Reger**

Examination

**Allison Clanton
Katherine Francis
Tressa Gibbs
Sandra Gray
Kara Hinerman**

**Rebecca Holbrook
Margaret Johnson
Cathy Prellwiz
Barbara Rimer
Lori Sanford
Carrie Sartain
Susan Winters**

The motion carried.

Review and approve CMSW applications by examination/reciprocity

Ms. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Ms. Esposito, to accept the following applications for licensure:

**Meredith Alexander
Regina Anderson-Spann
Lisa Argyros
Yolanda Bates
Jennifer Biddle
Geraldine Broomfield
Heather Browder
Amy Cates
Davis Cathro
Jeffery Chambers
Ricky Crane
Natasha Daniels-Turner
Lorraine Dwyer
Dwight Ernst
Celina Flowers
Sarah Granberg
Melissa Hamilton
Stephanie Harness
Melissa Hash
Laurie Hunter
April James
Julie Johnston
Tamara Jones
Geraldine Jones-Johnson
Justina Knight
Lashawn Lewis
Jamie Love
Warren McCluney
Rosie Mackey-Trigg
Julie Moore
Shanika Moore
Laurel Newlon
Allyson Norris**

**Karin Olson
Melissa Pippin
Davenya Sanders
Felicia Santos
Steven Sims
Linda Sparks Amy Tanner
Camella Taylor
Elizabeth Tilley
Jennifer Varner
Jason Walkup
LaShone Washington
Melissa Zensen**

The motion carried.

Upon review of an application for licensure as a CMSW from Ayo J. Fearn which contained information regarding a DUI conviction, Ms. Wolkhamer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Fleming, to request a letter from Mr. Fearn regarding the charges and dismissal pertaining to his DUI, including documentation if he participated in a first offender class.

Wolkhamer – I would like a recommendation that Mr. Fearn submit a letter surrounding the DUI especially the charges and dismissal and documentation if he has participated in a first offender classes, suggest the letter be certified. Fleming seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Correspondence

In review of a letter from Jeannie Clift requesting a waiver of the continuing education hours required for reinstatement of her CMSW license, Ms. Wolkhamer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Fleming, to send a letter to Ms. Clift requesting an application for reinstatement, including proof of the continuing education requirements for reinstatement. The motion carried.

With no other business to conduct, Ms. Vickerstaff made a motion, seconded by Ms. Fleming, to adjourn at 10:35 a.m. The motion carried.

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